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HONGKONG, 15th JANUARY, 1904

In his telegram of the 12th instant REUTER gives, on the authority of a Berlin announcement, what appears to be a very probable outline of Russia's latest proposals to Japan. As these are published in another column we need not detail them here. The gist of them is that Russia puts the Manchurian question entirely on one side, though ready to accord Japan and other Powers "representation for commercial interests" and to respect twenty rights granted by China in the province; with regard to Korea, she magnanimously allows Japan to deal with the South "economically and strategically as her interests may require" and to have "full commercial freedom" in the North—but neither in North nor in South Korea may Japan permanently occupy any fortress. Further a fifty-kilometre zone is to be drawn along the Yalu up to the Tumen, the river bounding Northern Korea; this zone (which is on the Korean side of the river, of course) is to be neutral. The publication of these proposals, and if we may assume them to be authentic, finally reveals the long-suspected insincerity of Russia in her negotiations with Japan. There is no longer any reason for hoping that Russia intends to deal honestly. In fact, she has shown her hand. Yet, strange to say (or perhaps not strange), a Berlin telegram of the 7th instant, forecasting such an offer

to Japan, declared that the European Press did not expect any danger of war from movements in North Korea so long as Russia refrained from attacking Japan in South Korea, and Japan from attacking Russia in Manchuria. The final occupation of South Korea by Japan, said this Berlin telegram, is considered here a great success for Japan, and is, as it was fore-shadowed by the whole German Press, heartily welcomed. Is it possible to imagine a more foolish statement? Let us take it in conjunction with the now announced proposals of Russia. That country is to remain in full possession of Manchuria, despite all previous promises, making only a few worthless "concessions" to the rest of the world. Japan is to be allowed to deal with South Korea economically and strategically as her interests may require, without, however, occupying permanently any fortresses—this is the "final occupation" of South Korea by the Japanese as welcomed by the German Press! North Korea is apparently to be exempt from Japan's economical and strategic dealings, but full commercial freedom is to be accorded to Japan, being apparently the gift of Russia. And along the Yalu there is to be a neutral zone in which neither Russia nor Japan is to establish fortresses. Taking these four points in order again, we may ask what Russia is offering to the Powers other than Japan in compensation for her broken pledges concerning Manchuria. Secondly, after the arbitrary division of Korea into two halves, how can the Russian proposal about the South be interpreted? The Continental Press has anticipated a complete Japanese occupation. But there are to be no permanent fortresses. How, then, could Japan, did she fall in with the reported offer, make any use of it? Thirdly, what is to be the future of Northern Korea? Is it to continue in the same ambiguous position as the whole of Korea is in now? Russia's own rights in it are left absolutely undefined. And lastly, why the neutral zone and the stipulation against either Russian or Japanese fortresses in it? Is the Port Hamilton agreement of seventeen years ago now dead, whereby, in return for the British evacuation of Port Hamilton, Russia gave China a guarantee not to occupy Korean territory under any circumstances whatever? Does Russia contend that this is void by the independence of Korea? The whole set of proposals seems to present an unparalleled example of bad faith, which is sufficient to warrant any nation refusing to accept another Russian promise hereafter.

Our Kobe correspondent's delayed telegram of Wednesday's date announces a conference at Tokyo on the previous day of the Ministers, the Elder Statesmen, and the heads of Departments, under the presidency of the Emperor of Japan, at which a decision was come to, at present unrevealed, but believed to be very grave, which was at once telegraphed to the Powers and to the Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg, as well as communicated to the foreign representatives at Tokyo. It seems hardly possible that this decision can refer to anything but the acceptance or refusal of Russia's proposals. Those who think that Japan, as well as Russia, is bluffing might look for another prolongation of the negotiations by Japan. To us it seems that the *Kobe Chronicle* in a recent number was right in insisting that Japan is not in a position to spend fifteen million yen (as she is doing) to make a diplomatic bluff, and that those who hold the theory that she is bluffing are greatly mistaken in their reading of the signs. The Russians do not, or not all of them at any rate, see a bluff on Japan's part. Our Port Arthur correspondent tells us that there the Russians say that the Japanese evidently want a war and are acting in the right way to get it. The falseness of that view is obvious, if natural. The Russian Press has, of course, done its best to represent the Japanese nation as one of Jingoes and fire-brands. But where has been the justification? No Western Power could have conducted the negotiations with more dignity and moderation. If what is meant is that Japan did not "climb down" and accept whatever Russia was kind enough to concede, then words have acquired a new significance. Japan has certainly not acted the despicable part of prostration before Russia for a small bribe. She has not been terrified by tall talk about vast numerical superiority and hopelessness of resistance. And yet she is not fighting her own cause alone, even though in Korea she is chiefly concerned. Therefore when the time comes we cannot believe that she will be found alone or that in isolation she will be allowed to sink from the ranks of Great Powers, to become a helpless spectator of Russia's pre-dominance throughout Northern Asia.

The French mail of the 15th December was delivered in London on the 13th inst.

Several Russian war ships are believed to be on-bound at Vladivostok.

The Pollard Comedy Company, after a trip to Calcutta, gave two performances at Singapore last week before leaving for Australia.

It is rumoured in Peking that the control of the Russo-Chinese Bank is to be transferred from the Ministry of Finance to a Special Commission.

The German Consul at Chinanfu, Dr. Lange, died there suddenly on the afternoon of 8th inst, from heart failure, leaving a widow and one daughter.

At the end of last year there were 21,318 tin-miners and 50 gold-miners in Negri Sembilan, F.M.S. Comparison with the first half of the year shows a heavy falling off in number.

According to *L'Echo de Chine*, telegrams from Seoul announce the arrival of Chinulipo of one U.S., two British, and two Russian cruisers, which will remain there until the end of the crisis.

The *Straits Times* publishes a Penang telegram to the effect that there had been a gang robbery at Bidor on the Tapah Road, Perak, on the 5th inst. Mr. Davies was wounded. One highwayman was shot in four places and one was captured. The robbers were being pursued.

H.M.S. *Alacrity*, with Admiral Sir Cyrrus Bridge on board, arrived from Shanghai yesterday evening. Admiral Bridge, it will be remembered, was to have arrived here before, but was stopped at Shanghai by telegram on account of the threatening aspect of affairs. We do not know whether more hopeful prospects are to be inferred now.

The R.A.M. Corps are to be divided into four sections. The first and highest will be formed of men intellectually capable of becoming proficient in nursing duties. The other sections will be devoted to cooking, clerical, and general duties. The men will be carefully taught the duties falling to each particular section, and greater efficiency will thus be secured in each.

Lord Kitchener's renumbering of the Indian Army is reported to have already given rise to some uneasiness amongst the British officers. If they go into a shop at home, they say and describe themselves as belonging to the 4th Lancers or the 7th Cavalry, the tradesman would immediately look up the Army List, find no such regiment, and call in the police to the supposed impostor. In the case of regiments with a distinctive name, such as 3rd Skinner's Horse, 9th Hodson's Horse, and 18th Tivania Lancers no such danger arises.

A few days ago a house-boy in the employ of a family in Hongkong announced that he wanted two or three weeks' leave to go to Canton to "catch his wife." He brought another boy to take his place. Interviewed by the lady of the house the substitute said he had another pigdin, but had two weeks leave and could take the place of his "friend" for two weeks. He did not appear to know much about housework, and the lady asked him if his master was a Chinaman. With all the dignity imaginable he up and replied, "No! my master being King of England, and Emperor of Great Britain; my Government servant boy!"

Mr. W. H. Taft, Governor of the Philippines and coming U.S. Secretary for War, nearly met with an accident at Kobe on the 3rd inst. He was driving with Mr. Sharp, U.S. Vice-Consul at Kobe, in a carriage and pair along Moto-machi, in the Foreign Settlement, when a load report of fire-crackers immediately in front caused the horses to bolt. The driver lost control of the animals, and the position in the narrow and busy street was one of great danger. Both Mr. Taft and Mr. Sharp stood up in the carriage, and each seizing a rein endeavored to hold the horses in. Whether because of Mr. Taft's greater strength on the rein—or from some other cause, suddenly the horses swerved and ran into a wall at a street corner, and at this time Mr. Taft and Mr. Sharp were holding so tightly on the reins that the horses paved the air. However, they were brought to a standstill with little damage.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and officers, the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel during dinner to-night (weather permitting):—

March. "Sons of the Empire" ... Bradford Overton.
Selection. "Der Koenig Lieutenant" ... Emil Titi.
Selection. "The Tormentor" ... Ivan Caryll.
Cornet Solo "Love, Could I only tell Thee" ... Capel.
Selection. "French Melodies" ... Kappey.
Waltz. "Hilyle" ... Waldton.
Intermezzo. "Endorin" ... Andre.
"God Save the King."

Menu.
Hors D'Oeuvre
Scottish Eggs on Toast.
Soup.
Chicken and Barley.
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TELEGRAMS.

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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE NORTHERN CRISIS.

*Kobe, 13th January, 4.25 p.m.

JAPANESE CONFERENCE—RESULT
TELEGRAPHED TO POWERS.

A prolonged conference was held yesterday of the Japanese Ministers, Elder Statesmen, and Heads of Departments, presided over by the Emperor. The result of the conference was immediately telegraphed to the Powers and to the Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg. The foreign representatives at Tokyo were also acquainted with the result.

The decision is unknown, but is believed to be very grave.

*Received in Hongkong at 3.15 a.m. yesterday.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE CRISIS—RUSSIA'S PROPOSALS.

LONDON, 12th January.

It is announced in Berlin that Russia's proposals to Japan are essentially as follows:

- (1) Japan is accorded various concessions in Korea.
- (2) Japan is allowed to deal with Southern Korea economically and strategically as her interests may require.
- (3) Russia leaves Japan full commercial freedom in Northern Korea, but neither [there] nor in Southern Korea shall Japan permanently occupy any fortresses, whether on the coast or in the interior.
- (4) The establishment of a neutral fifty-kilometre zone along the Yalu to the Tumen, where neither Japan nor Russia shall establish fortresses, the Straits of Korea to be neutral and free to Russian ships.
- (5) Russia accepts no conditions in reference to Manchuria, but is ready to accord Japan and other Powers representation for commercial interests.

It is also stated that Russia has notified the Powers that she will respect all rights in Manchuria granted under treaties with China.

UNREST IN THE BALKANS.

LONDON, 12th January.

Advices from all the Balkan countries point to the certainty of a general conflagration in the spring. This is regarded as an important factor in the Far Eastern situation, because Russia is not likely to desire to be engaged both in the Near and the Far East.

NAVY MEN AT HAPPY VALLEY.

FIRST DRILL ON THE NEW SYSTEM.

Parties of men landed from the British warships *Albion*, *Ocean*, *Centurion*, *Talbot*, *Amphitrite*, and *Eclipse* yesterday morning at 7.30, and proceeded to Happy Valley for instruction in rifle and field exercises on the new system—the first instruction they have received at Hongkong on these lines. Officers directing the drill were Commander Jones, H.M.S. *Amphitrite*, Gunner-Lieutenant Dickenson, H.M.S. *Talbot*, and Lieutenant Wellington Smith of the *Ocean*. The band of the *Vengeance* was in attendance. Blue jackets were dressed in blue with straw hats, black boots, brown canvas sea-service gaiters, sword-bayonets, and Lee-Enfield, Mark 2 rifles; they formed a very picturesque party. Men from the *Centurion*, by the way, had new leather gear, new pattern sword-bayonets, and carbines. Midshipmen wore white cap covers, monkey jackets, gaiters, and swords. The drill is much the same as that of the marines, and the sailor-men did not seem to like it a bit. They went through the movements of attack, wheeling in line, forming a square, preparing for cavalry, marching past, and developing in line. Drill terminated shortly before eleven o'clock, when the men returned to their respective ships.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report

On the 14th at 11.50 a.m.—The barometer has risen quickly over N. China, fallen over Japan, except in the N.E.

An area of high pressure lies now over N. China, and the depression is approaching E. Japan from the Westward.

Strong monsoon will set in again over the Formosa Channel, and N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast—N.E. winds, freshening; fair at first, drizzling rain or mist later; cooler.

PORT ARTHUR.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Port Arthur, 30th December.
THE BATTLE OF YAFIN.

The burial of the Russian soldiers who were killed in the fight with the *Huanghute* or Manchurian highwaymen at the village of Yafin in Mongolia on the 13th November last, took place with the usual ceremonies at Dashiyo in Manchuria on the 9th December. At the same time full information of the little campaign which terminated at Yafin has been published. It is a long story but an interesting one, for it bears a close resemblance to many of the British campaigns against De Wet during the South African war. The Manchurian De Wet is called Tulensan by the Russians and seems to be a resourceful leader. He had under him two lieutenants, one of them a Chinaman called Tenben, and the other a Russian convict who had escaped from the penal colony at Sakhalin, and who called himself Fuleahoy, but this is probably an assumed name. Mention is also made in the reports of the campaign of a brother of Fuleahoy who was captured by the Chinese and put to death, and it may be here stated that Fuleahoy himself, who was about as useful to Tulensan as Abdullah Sheri was to the Mad Mullah of Somaliland, broke his back in attempting to escape from the Russians at Yafin. Tulensan escaped, however, with the loss of several of his fingers. A singular feature of the affair is that the Chinese authorities seem to have connived at Tulensan's raid, although they showed no hesitation in executing any of the captured marauders whom the Russians handed over to them. But it is clear that the Russians take care of the more important of the robber chieftains themselves, at least they have a fine collection of them in the Arratay Dom in Port Arthur which is, in consequence, visited frequently by important-looking Chinamen who drive up to the portals of that establishment in *icocoches* and spend a long time conferring with the captured bandits. It is not improbable that the authorities at Peking are indirectly encouraging the highwaymen to make things hot for the Russians, but a more short-sighted policy it would be difficult to imagine, for it only gives the latter an excuse for remaining in Manchuria.

The hunt for Tulensan seems to have now lasted for a whole year. It began in the August of 1902, when intelligence was received that the redoubtable brigand was in full flight. He seems, by the way, to have always managed to do the most damage when in full flight. He was then in the Liao River district, not far from Mukden, and at the head of 600 men who are described by the Russians as perfectly disciplined and mounted on fine horses. Lieutenant Koschina endeavored to surround him with the 41st Solnya, but Tulensan escaped through a gap left on the left flank of the Russians and the Liao River. Colonel Leveschevsky was sent in pursuit of him with a flying column while the 41st Solnya came on behind. On the 19th of August last the corner located Tulensan in the village of Syakhotu, or rather the robbers made known their presence to the Russians by greeting the latter with a volley as they entered the village. The Russian accounts say that the bandits were defeated, but as they only lost a few men and succeeded in getting clean away, this defeat was really a very creditable one for them. They suffered more severely on the 20th August at the village of Tendostun, although that place is surrounded by marshes hitherto believed to be impassable. They were driven out of this village with a loss of 25 men killed, many arms and horses, five *pood* of powder and 12,000 cartridges. After this defeat Tulensan fled to Mongolia.

Towards the end of October, this year, news was received that Tulensan with a new band of 300 men was at Aphasachuan on the Chinese Eastern Railway between the rivers Taiakhe, Khunkui, and Liao. A party was at once sent in pursuit of him under the direction of Captain Vestermark. Along with Tulensan was the famous Russian renegade Fuleahoy with 500 mounted men, also the other celebrated brigand chief Tenben with about 100 mounted men. In view of this formidable combination the Russian forces sent in pursuit were sufficiently formidable, consisting as it did of the 7th Solnya, two companies of the 4th Brigade, one commando of cavalry, and four guns, under the chief command of Captain Trotsky of the General Staff. The object of the expedition was to surround the highwaymen and to prevent them making their way into Mongolia. In the *North Kral* newspaper of Port Arthur, from which I take this account, it is stated that Tulensan had been previously in Peking and had received permission to cross into Mongolia.

In order to catch Tulensan it was manifestly necessary to guard all the fords on the Liaohe, but the robber captain succeeded in finding a ford which was not guarded. By the night of 30th October (old style), however, the Russians had overtaken him at the village of Yafin in Mongolia. They were not sure at first if it were he, and there were not a large number of Russians present, so that some care was necessary. But the Russians took no precautions. A non-commissioned officer and two privates penetrated into the village, killed several armed robbers, and had soon the whole nest of horns about them. The robbers numbered no less than 900 men, and their equipment and good shooting as well as their method of attack seemed to indicate that they were regular soldiers. For a time the Russians were in great danger but they crouched down behind some Chinese houses on the outskirts of the village and held their own gallantly. But they were unable to prevent the escape of the robbers

when the latter mounted their horses and came to the conclusion that it was time to be off. According to the Russian accounts, the robbers lost 13 men killed and about 20 wounded and had to leave behind 250 horses and a large number of guns as well as considerable supplies of cartridges.

The Russian losses consisted of one officer wounded, and of four men killed and nine wounded. A local English doctor, a Mr. Learmont, and his wife tended the wounded with an attention which was much appreciated by the Russians.

THE SITUATION.

The situation is now so bad that it could not well be worse. The Russians say that the Japanese evidently want a war and are acting in the right way to get it. The conduct of the Chinese on the borders of Manchuria is also disquieting, in fact it is clear that they are encouraging and supporting the mounted bandits, a course of policy in which they are believed to be assisted by the Japanese but which is a very mistaken line for them to take. If China openly joins Japan in a war with Russia, her position will be still worse, for the Russians will annex Mongolia and Chinese Turkestan and perhaps overthrow the Manchukuo dynasty. However that may be, there can be no doubt that we are now trembling on the brink of war.

FOOTBALL.

The V.R.C.F.C. will play the Royal Artillery at Canaway Bay, at 4 p.m. on Saturday. The following will play for the V.R.C.—

Forwards—H. W. Sayer, H. S. Holmes, A. N. Oiler, A. Marti, and J. Clelland; half-backs—E. R. Herton, J. Forbes, and H. Gidley; backs—J. Whitehead and R. Lapsley; goal—W. A. Crake.

THEATRICAL MATTERS.

The date of the Hongkong A.P.C.'s performance of *His Excellency* is not yet definitely fixed, but it will be before China New Year (the 16th prox.). *Day's Race Week* (23rd-27th prox.) the De La Salle Company will be once more playing at the Theatre Royal.

FIRE BRIGADE EXERCISES.

Yesterday morning at seven o'clock one-half of the members of the Fire Brigade turned out for practice at the City Hall. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Deputy C.S.P., and Chief Inspector Baker were in charge of the men, and Sergeant R. Macdonald assisted in the exercises, which consisted in the manipulation of telescopic ladders, bamboo ladders, despatch-boxes, and hose-reels. Some very good and useful work was put in and some excellent exhibitions of speed were given. The Brigade have been training during the last six weeks outside the Fire Station. They are going to carry on their exercises, we understand, one-half on Thursday mornings, the other on Fridays; and in all probability an exhibition will be held about the middle of February either on the Cricket Ground or the Parade Ground.

CANTON RAILWAY COOLIES ON STRIKE.

"INSUFFICIENCY OF WAGES."

The Canton-Fatshan railway authorities are continuing to experience troubles of the serious nature, alarming reports having arrived here by the latest steamers. Yesterday it was confirmed that the Chinese labourers on the new line had gone on strike on the grounds of their receiving an insufficiency of wages (although as a matter of fact their pay from the beginning was considerably above ordinary coolies' wages) and that work is at a standstill. Many well-meaning labourers have been thrown out of work, and this has caused them to join in the riots. Considering that, as we have said, the pay these men are complaining of is liberal as compared with the scale their fellow-workers, employed by Chinese, are in receipt of, it is to be hoped that prompt measures to quell the disturbance will be taken by the Chinese authorities.

H.K.V.C. CONCERT.

The following is the programme of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps Concert in the Theatre at 9 p.m. to-morrow—

PART I.
Selection. *Love is Illness* THE BAND.
Song. *"An April Birthday"* J. Roland.
Song. *"Mr. S. H. Edwards"* Mr. S. H. Edwards.
Song. *"May Day"* H. Whitbrev.
Song. *"I have got something to be thankful for"* Miss MURRAY BAIN.
Song. *"Star of my Heart"* L. Denza.
Violin Solo. *"Cavatina"* Carl Bohm.
Song. *"Phyllis is my only joy"* Arno.
Song. *"I have had a good day to-day"* Mr. H. ARNOLD TOZER.
Selection. *Rose of Persia* THE BAND.
Interval of 10 minutes.
PART II.
Selection. *Country Girl* THE BAND.
One Act Farce. *Tiddlers* J. M. Morton.
Cast of Characters.
Sir William Ramsay Corpl. Hays.
Bodkins Major Chapman.
Launcelot Griggs Lieut. Northcote.
Jensen Bom. Stephenson.
Lieut. Constable Lieut. Dunbar.
Mrs. Griggs Mrs. Bunney.
Winifred Mrs. Chichester.
Dot Miss Bunney.
"God Save the King."

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon in the Board Room. Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson presided, and there were also present Hon. A. W. Brown, Registrar-General; Captain F. W. Lyons, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police; Mr. Fung Wa Chun; Mr. Lau Chu Pak; Colonel W. E. Webb, R.A.M.C.; Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C.; Mr. E. A. Hewett, Mr. A. Ramjahn, Dr. W. W. Pearce, Acting Medical Officer of Health; Dr. B. Barnett, Assistant Medical Officer of Health; Mr. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary) and Mr. J. H. Kemp (Assistant Secretary).

APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were granted on the motion of the President:

Application for exemption from the provision of a back-yard in respect to No. 75, Kramer Street, Tai Kok Tsui.

Dr. McFarlane, Assistant M.O.H., Kowloon, minutes:—The work has now been done according to the plan.

An application for exemption from the provision of an open space in respect to No. 17 Macdonald Road, Yau Ma Tei.

Dr. McFarlane minutes:—I think house No. 17 might be exempted as it is a corner house and has windows in the side.

Application for permission to erect an 8-seat latrine on the roof of houses Nos. 139, and 132, Des Voeux Road, Central.

Dr. Barnett, Assistant M.O.H., minutes:—This is a common lodging-house. The average number of persons living here is over 100. I think this permit might be granted. There are now in this position six latrines in a dilapidated condition and I think the new ones will be a great improvement.

An application for permission to use the basement of No. 23 Western Street for the storage and preparation of preserved bean curd.

Dr. Pearce, M.O.H., minutes:—I recommend the application be granted if the windows into the side-lane be glazed so that the shutters need not be closed to keep out dust.

Mr. E. A. Hewett minutes:—Grant if instructions are carried out.

Mr. H. E. Pollock minutes:—Grant subject to the condition suggested by the M.O.H.

The following was refused:—

Application for permission to erect a sun-shed at the side of No. 183, Queen's Road, West.

Dr. Pearce minutes:—The place evidently intended as the tailor's workshop is an encroachment on to Li Ling Street. I recommend refusal.

SALE OF HUMAN FOOD.

Numerous applications for licences for the sale of food for men outside the public markets were laid on the table:—

Mr. Hamner minutes:—Submitted with reference to the C.V.S.'s minutes ordered on each application.

Mr. E. A. Hewett minutes:—If, as it would appear, these applications are not for licences in shops but for what is practically a hawk's business, I agree with the Captain Superintendent of Police.

The Captain Superintendent of Police's minute was:—Refuse them all. They can apply for licences as hawkers, which will not, however, allow them to locate themselves in these places.

The Registrar-General minutes:—In what other town in the world is the sale of fruit restricted to markets?

In relation to the licences to sell fruit outside markets:

Mr. RUMJAHN raised the point whether the Board should deal with applications for such licences. He was of opinion that under the Ordinance fruit was exempted.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL said they could not prevent the sale of fruit by licensed hawkers but could prevent it in the shops.

The PRESIDENT said that if Mr. RUMJAHN was not satisfied with this, they could refer the matter to the Crown Solicitor and take his opinion.

This was agreed to.

The majority of the applications were refused.

SALE OF PORK.

There were some five applications for licences to sell pork.

Dr. Barnett minutes:—Could you kindly let me know what recommendations I am expected to make with regard to licences for the sale of pork? From the point of view of public health I think it would be much better if all fresh meat were sold in the market, but, as some licences are granted, I suppose this is not possible. I have lately had these licences handed to me for my opinion. (1) No. 15 Wing Tung Street, ground floor. This is a dark premises facing into a narrow street. There is a 'pig-flag' which makes the back part dark. (2) No. 188 Queen's Road East, ground floor. Premises fairly lighted in front, but the back is partitioned off and used as a dwelling for five adults. (3) No. 21 Queen's Road East, ground floor. A corner house well lighted and ventilated for a Chinese ground floor. In none of these places does there seem any place for the storage of meat, and they (certainly not 1 and 2) are not open throughout as is the rule with butchers' shops at home.

Mr. E. A. Hewett minutes:—Pork should not be sold in outside shops except when there is not sufficient accommodation in the markets, or when a demand for a shop exists at a distance from a market.

Mr. H. E. Pollock minutes:—It seems desirable that pork should be sold in the market rather than in a shop.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL minutes:—All these might as well be renewed till the Wan Chai Market extension is ready for occupation.

Most of these applications were also refused.

An application was submitted for permission to use the basement of No. 35 Centre Street for the preparation and storage of food.

Mr. T. P. Conolly minutes:—No licence should be granted for this basement for the manufacture of food stuffs: the light is very defective, and the basement is in every way unsuitable for this trade.

Dr. Pearce minutes:—I do not consider the place fit for its present use in the manufacture and storage of food curd.

Messrs. E. A. Hewett, H. E. Pollock, and the D. P. W. minutes: Refuse.

The application was refused on the motion of the PRESIDENT, seconded by Hon. Mr. POLLOCK.

EXEMPTION.

An application was made for exemption from the provision of an open space in respect of No. 29 Battery Street, Yau Ma Tei.

It was agreed to forward it with a recommendation for exemption.

CONSTRUCTION OF A STAIRCASE.

The reply to a letter of Mr. H. P. Tocher, from Messrs. Palmer and Turner, was discussed.

Mr. Tocher's letter was to the effect that the Building Authority was unable to approve of their plan for construction of a staircase at No. 26 Connaught Road, as the yard would be obstructed by the proposed staircase.

Messrs. Palmer and Turner replied that the staircase was in place of one of the bridges allowed by the Ordinance, and in no wise an obstruction more than a bridge. It was the only means of access to the kitchen.

Mr. A. Ramjahn minutes:—I think modification by the Governor in Council is not necessary as section 178 of Ord. 1 of 1903 allows the area to be obstructed by a bridge or a flight of steps not more than 3 ft. 6 in. in width.

The PRESIDENT remarked that he thought it would be found that Section 178 did not deal with applications of this nature. These areas referred to there are those that are made by cutting away the hill-side when a house is on a slope. An area was distinct from a backyard. There was no definition of an area. He had consulted with the Building Authority on this point and the latter agreed with him. He moved that this application be forwarded to the Governor in Council for modification.

Mr. RUMJAHN seconded and the motion was agreed to.

RAT RETURN.

The rat-return for the week ended 11th inst. was laid on the table: 263 rats (including two infected rats) were caught in Hongkong, and 124 (including five infected) at Kowloon.

CLEANING WORK.

The Secretary reported that the result of the cleaning work being carried out by the Chinese under the supervision of the Board's officers was that up till 18th December 15,223 floors had been cleaned; up till 31st December 18,983; and up till the 9th inst. 21,360 floors.

CIRCULATION OF PAPERS.

Mr. HAWETT again complained of the want of promptness with which the Board papers were circulated. He had seen no papers since last meeting until Tuesday morning and he got three boxes, crammed with papers, all at one time.

The PRESIDENT said the matter would receive attention, but remarked that the papers were circulated on the 7th, that was a week ago.

EXTERNAL AIR.

Mr. RUMJAHN said he had prepared a sketch showing that if a house complied with the new definition of external air every flat of that house could be divided into four sections, three of which could be called rooms and the other one a lobby. If such was the case, the houses would be more insanitary than ever. He hoped the Board would recognise this and carefully consider the definition and recommend modification.

The PRESIDENT pointed out that the discussion was not quite in order and told Mr. RUMJAHN it would be better to make a motion dealing with the matter, if he wished to bring it forward.

Mr. RUMJAHN suggested that it might be referred back to the committee which was considering amendments to the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance.

The PRESIDENT said that could not be done as the Ordinance was passed and was now law.

This was all the public business.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 14th January.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

AN UNFORTUNATE STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
In the matter of the Wo On Steamship Co. and in the matter of the Companies Ordinance, 1865 to 1899.

Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. H. W. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, solicitors), appeared in support of an application for a winding-up order. The petition sent in by the Company, he said, showed that owing to bad trade the Company was insolvent. It had assets but was not quite able to pay its liabilities, and really the only possible course to adopt in order to avoid incurring further liabilities was to cease trading and wind up the Company. There were about \$45,000 of liabilities and about \$31,000 of assets.

His Lordship said he saw that there had been a provisional liquidator appointed; had he made any report?

Mr. Slade replied that he had not. He was appointed to secure the assets. It was appointed quite a recent appointment. He was appointed until the hearing of the petition or further order.

He would ask his Lordship to continue this

His Lordship said he noticed the liquidator had given security to the extent of \$30,000. It would have to be looked into whether that extended to his further appointment or not. No one appeared to oppose the petition?

Mr. Slade—No.
His Lordship—As regards the contributors, they are all fully paid-up shares?

Mr. Slade—Yes.
His Lordship went on to remark that this Company appeared to have been incorporated in April, 1902, and wanted to work passenger traffic between Hongkong and certain parts of the West River, at any rate to carry on business as ferryman, wharfingers, carriers and stevedores. In less than a year's time they got into difficulties and they said the business was going on at a daily loss. In these circumstances he thought it was right that a winding-up order should be made. His Lordship made an order accordingly and appointed Mr. A. R. Lowe to be official liquidator subject to proper security being given to the satisfaction of the Registrar; and also sanctioned the appointment by the official liquidator of a solicitor to assist him. He added that in future cases of this kind he would rather have a report by the liquidator before him, as it might turn out that a company was not insolvent after all.

NEW SOLICITORS ADMITTED TO THE BAR.
At the Supreme Court yesterday—His Honour Sir William M. Goodman, Chief Justice, presiding—three new solicitors were admitted to practice at the Bar of Hongkong.

Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., moved that Mr. Otto Kung Sing be admitted and enrolled to practise. The application was supported by affidavits which showed that Mr. Otto Kung Sing was admitted to practise in September of last year in the Supreme Court of Adjudication in England. There was also the usual affidavit of identity, which had been filed by Mr. Fung Wa Chun. There were also before his Lordship the certificate of his admission to practise as a solicitor in England and of the Incorporated Law Society.

His Lordship said he had read the papers in this case and they appeared to be in order. He had much pleasure in admitting Mr. Otto Kung Sing, and directed accordingly.

Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., introduced Mr. Dudley Vaughan Stevenson, and moved that he be admitted to practise as a solicitor of that Court. The affidavits filed showed that he was admitted a solicitor of the Court of Adjudication in England in July 1902. He had been previously articulated for five years in London, and he had just arrived in the Colony to join the firm of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon. It was proposed to file one other affidavit, if his Lordship would consent, as to the identity of Mr. Stevenson's signature with that appearing on the agreement under which he had come out to Hongkong.

His Lordship thought it desirable that this further affidavit should be filed. If there was an affidavit pointing out that Mr. Stevenson's signature was the same as that appearing on his agreement that would be sufficient. He had much pleasure in admitting him.

Mr. Sharp, K.C., also moved the admission of Mr. Arthur Conrad Holborow, who, he said, had been admitted to practise as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of Adjudication at home last November. He had previously been articulated for five years in the country and at Messrs. Hepworth & Co. in London. He also had only recently arrived in the Colony to join Messrs. Deacon, Looker & Deacon. It was proposed to file a further affidavit as in the case of Mr. Stevenson.

His Lordship said he had much pleasure in admitting Mr. Holborow. With regard to the three gentlemen who had been admitted that day he felt confident, having regard to the papers he had read showing their antecedents, that they would worthily maintain the reputation and dignity of the profession of which they were members. He wished them success in their practices.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

Chan Yik Cho, alias Chang Fang, carrying on business at 237, Des Voeux Road West under the styles of the Kwong Yik and the Kwong Cheong, applied for a receiving order. In the application it was stated that the assets amounted to \$25,553.37 and the liabilities to \$53,098.06. Of the assets about 40 per cent. were not bad debts, and the remainder doubtful.

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida e Castro, solicitor, appeared for the debtor.

His Lordship said he would like to know what the debtor wanted with two shops; why did he trade under two different firms?

The debtor on being called up said in reply to questions that he first of all had one shop; then he found he could carry on another one, so he opened a second.

His Lordship—You speculated in rice and lost your money; is that it?

The Debtor—Yes.

His Lordship—I do not like these two different shops. One can draw bills on the other and all sorts of iniquity could be done between them.

The Debtor in reply to further questions stated that when he started he was doing pretty well. When he opened the second shop people who owed him money would not pay him what they owed. He opened these shops three or four years ago, the Kwong Yik first—that was about the beginning of 1900—and the second one last Chinese New Year. At that time he was solvent. The way in which he lost over \$40,000 in this last year was on account of sums owing to him abroad in Japan and Australia; he sent rice and had not got the remittances for it.

His Lordship—Have you got friends out there? I suppose you send out goods to them and do not get paid, go into bankruptcy, and then go out there and get a nice little fortune out of it?

The Debtor replied that there was nothing of that kind in his case. He believed about 40 per cent. of his assets were recoverable in Hongkong.

His Lordship granted a receiving order and appointed Mr. Bruce Shepherd official receiver.

AMENDING DEBTORS.
In the matter of Li Tsan Lap and another, ex parte the Sam Choy Brick, Tile and Timber Co., Ltd.,

Mr. J. Hays, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, solicitors, appeared in support of an application for a receiving order. The creditors, he said, had supplied the debtors from time to time with materials, bricks, etc., for the purpose of their contractor's business; and in July of last year there was a considerable balance due from the firm to the creditors. They began a suit for the recovery of this balance, against these two debtors, but on the writ being served they disappeared, and so far as he was aware nothing could be heard of them since.

The chief money so far as the creditors were aware that could be counted as assets was a sum of \$2,000 odd due to the Shing Kee firm under a contract for the building of a house for Mr. Murray Bain. Heing of a house for Mr. Murray Bain. Heing of a house for Mr. Murray Bain. Heing of a house for Mr. Murray Bain.

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kept pressing the Wing Tai to pay and were put off from time to time by the partner with whom they had been dealing. The Wing Tai afterwards asked for an allowance, but the plaintiffs said they could not give an allowance. The one day plaintiffs noted that the name of the shop had been altered from Wing Tai to Wing Tai Lung Kee, and they were told that it was a new firm. Apparently what had taken place was that a new sign had been put up and the people of the place said it was a new shop and was not responsible for the old debts. Plaintiffs could not prove what was the transaction between the old and the new shops; they could only submit that things were not done in the way they ought to have been done, and the inference was that they were really the same firm.

Evidence was then taken, the defence being that the new firm had no connection with the old shop and knew nothing about the contract.

His Lordship gave judgment for the defendants, with costs.

POLICE COURT.

Thursday, 14th January.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

UTTERING A FORGED NOTE.
Wong Mun and Ah Chuan, two coolies, were jointly and severally charged with being in possession of and uttering a forged note for \$5 purporting to be a note issued by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Inspector McNab was in charge of the prosecution. The first defendant was represented by Mr. P. W. Golding, solicitor, of John Hastings' office, the second defendant being unrepresented. Ngan Wo, a brothel-keeper, of Pray West, called and affirmed, deposed that at 11 p.m. on the 12th inst. defendants called together at her house and had some refreshments and stayed there that night. When leaving the first defendant took a \$5 note from his pocket and handed it to her to use to get changed. She gave him a note and returned with the note, saying that it was a money-changer refused to take it as it was a bad one. Witness handed back the note to the first defendant and asked him for another, the first

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| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. | "AGAMEMNON" | On 15th February. |
| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. | "MENELEUS" | On 21st February. |
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| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
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| MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP. | "YANGTSE" | On 19th January. |
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| LONDON and ANTWERP. | "KINTUCK" | On 16th February. |
| GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL. | "KEEMUN" | On 18th February. |
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| MANILA | "SUNGKIANG" | On 20th January. |
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TIME Steamship

"SACHSEN,"
OF THE NORDEUTSCHER LOYD,
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence
delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M.,
To-day, 8th inst.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 15th January, will be
subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on Friday, the 15th January, at
9.30 A.M.
All Claims for damage must be sent in before
the 20th January, or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LOYD,
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1904.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED,
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CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-
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CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer
"KEEMUN,"
are hereby notified that the Cargo is being
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Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both
cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo
will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown
on and after the 12th inst.
Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice
has been given prior to steamer's arrival.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined at 11 A.M., on the 18th inst.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 18th inst. will
be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the
25th inst., or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
No LIVERPOOL & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1904.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer
"PALMA,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT
SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark,
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
2 P.M., To-day, the 12th inst.
Goods not cleared by the 18th inst., at 4 P.M.,
will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.
Damaged packages must be left in the God-
owns for examination by the Consignee's and
the Company's representative at an appointed
hour. All Claims must be presented within
ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after
which date they cannot be recognised. No
Claims will be admitted after the Goods have
left the Godowns.
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1904.

STEAMSHIP "ERNEST SIMONS,"
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MARITIMES.

NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London & S.S.
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whence delivery may be obtained immediately
after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignee
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All claims must be sent in to me on or before
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All damaged packages will be examined on
Tuesday, the 19th January, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1904.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. "MACDUFF,"
FROM HONGKONG AND LIVERPOOL.

CONSIGNEES of General Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods are being landed
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